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ON ARAB-ISRAELI ISSUE

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1. LABATT CALLED ON MFA ACTING DIRECTOR UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, DR. GENTZ, OCTOBER 26 AND FRG DELEGATE DR. W. HAASE, OCTOBER 21. LATER LABATT DISCUSSED ISSUE WITH FRG WORKER DELEGATE GERD MUHR AND MEMBER FRG DELEGATION VALENTIN KLOTZ OCTOBER 28. ALL INDICATED FRG DESIRE TO CONTINUE COOPERATING WITH US TO RESOLVE ARAB-ISRAELI ISSUE AND TO PREVENT CONTINUATION OF THE VIOLATION OF DUE PROCESS IN THE ILO. SUCCESS OF THESE EFFORTS, HOWEVER, WILL DEPEND ON WORKING OUT APPROPRIATE TACTICS IN GENEVA, THEY SAID.

2. DR. GENTZ INDICATED HE WOULD DISCUSS WITH THE FRG REPRESENTATIVE IN GENEVA POSSIBILITY OF EC NINE REPRESENTATIVES JOINING US IN URGING ILO DG BLANCHARD TO PRESENT HIS REPORT ON 1974 ISRAELI RESOLUTION AND UPSAL MISSION FOR ACCEPTANCE BY GOVERNING BODY AS A FINAL REPORT. HOWEVER, GENTZ INDICATED ARABS AND AFRICANS MOST LIKELY WILL MOVE TO REQUEST DG TO FOLLOW UP. ONE OF THE DIFFICULTIES IN INITIATING A COUNTER-RESOLUTION IN THE GOVERNING BODY TO CLOSE THE BOOK ON THE ARAB-ISRAELI ISSUE IS THAT NONE OF THE IMEC COUNTRIES VOTED AGAINST THE ORIGINAL 1974 CONFERENCE RESOLUTION CONDEMNING ISRAEL FOR VIOLATION OF TRADE UNION RIGHTS IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, GENTZ SAID.

3. DISCUSSING VARIOUS POSSIBLE SCENARIOS, HAASE INDICATED THAT THE BEST POSSIBILITY FOR RESOLVING THE ARAB-ISRAELI ISSUE WOULD BE A REPORT FROM BLANCHARD CLOSING THE BOOK ON THIS ISSUE. HOWEVER, THERE ARE NO CLEAR SIGNS YET THAT BLANCHARD WILL ADOPT THIS TACTIC. INSTEAD HE MAY PRESENT A LOW KEY REPORT WITHOUT RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH SIMPLY COULD BE RECOGNIZED FOR THE RECORD LEAVING THE ISSUE OPEN AS TO WHETHER HE WOULD CONTINUE ANY FURTHER INVESTIGATIONS. UNLESS THE ARABS OR THE IMEC GROUP SPECIFICALLY REQUEST ACTION, THE ISSUE MIGHT BE PASSED OVER BY THE NOVEMBER SESSION OF THE GOVERNING BODY. ON THE OTHER HAND, IF THE ISSUE IS JOINED, THERE MAY BE A CONFRONTATION AND REPETITION OF THE VOTES AT THE LAST ILO CONFERENCE. HAASE INDICATED THAT ONE OF THE PROBLEMS

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RESOLUTION CONDEMNING ISRAEL WAS TAINTED (BECAUSE ILO
PROCEDURES ON DUE PROCESS WERE NOT APPLIED) IS THE
FACT THAT THE LEGALITY OF THE 1974 ILO CONFERENCE
ACTION ON ISRAEL HAS NOT BEEN CHALLENGED BY ANY OF
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THE IMEC COUNTRIES IN THE INTERNATIONAL COURT IN THE HAGUE. THUS, DEVELOPING FLEXIBLE POLITICAL TACTICS ON HANDLING THE BLANCHARD REPORT TO THE GOVERNING BODY AND KEEPING THE BALL IN BLANCHARD'S COURT MAY BE THE MOST EFFECTIVE ACTION TO CLOSE THE BOOK ON THIS ISSUE.

4. MUHR INDICATED THAT THE SITUATION IN THE ILO MAY BE AFFECTED BY DECISIONS IN THE UNESCO MEETING INVOLVING THE ISRAELI ISSUE AS WELL AS BY THE DEVELOPING SITUATION IN LEBANON WHICH MAY OR MAY NOT INFLUENCE THE ATTENDANCE OF LEBANESE DELEGATES WHO PREVIOUSLY HAD PRESSED THE PLO ISSUE. MUHR ALSO INDICATED HIS DESIRE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THE ISRAELIS AND IRVING BROWN IN DEVELOPING A SOLUTION.

5. NEITHER GENTZ NOR HAASE INDICATED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF HOW BLANCHARD WOULD FORMULATE HIS REPORT TO THE GOVERNING BODY. FOR THIS REASON, THEY SAID, WORKING OUT TACTICS IN GENEVA MAY BE THE BEST SOLUTION.
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